

Academic Paragraph Writing Rubric

English I Honors

Requirement/ Expectations	Points Possible	Points earned
MLA format should be followed exactly. The heading and title should follow MLA. The first line of the paragraph is indented. In-text citations are included.	20	
Paragraph includes eight sentences. Each sentence follows the structure that I provided. For example, the third sentence should be a quote or paraphrase that supports your first point.	20	
Personal pronouns should not be used in the final draft: I, me, my, etc.	10	
Transitions are used before quotes and paraphrases to add clarity for your reader.	5	
Your topic sentence is focused, clear, and states a solution to the problem in the article.	20	
Focus- your entire paragraph proves and supports your claim that the topic sentence provides your reader.	20	
Paraphrases should not be a summary of the article. Your paraphrase(s) should state a phrase, sentence, or paragraph in your own words. Direct quotes should be carefully selected to prove your argument.	5	